



CAMP GARAYWA IS SCENE OF SECOND OF THREE YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HOUSEPARTIES

TWO GIRLS admire beautiful native Japanese costume of Mrs. Ralph JEAN JACKSON, of Yazoo City, YWA president, is introduced to Miss Calcutt, missionary to Japan, at held at Camp Garaywa, Ruth Porter, missionary to Paraguay, while Miss Marjean Patterson, state Assembly, and Camp Lake Stephens are the meeting places of the other two houseparties in the series, sponsored by the WMU.

Central Junior College, YWA Director and Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary to Spain, look on. From left: Mrs. Whitten, Miss Porter, Miss Jackson, Miss Patterson.

MRS JAMES FOSTER, missionary to the Philippines, shows a collection of curios to two girls, Caine and Edna Earl, both of Farmhaven. Gulfshore

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SULLIVAN PREDICTS SBC GREATEST GROWTH AHEAD

NASHVILLE (BP)—James L. Sullivan, said here the Southern Baptist Convention "is on the verge of its greatest growth and prosperity in its history."

The executive secretary of the Sunday School Board continued, "I'm not afraid of its future, nor of its present." The audience consisted of the SBC Executive Committee, SBC agency heads and state Baptist convention executive secretaries, and their associates.

Two days before, a former convention president drew several rounds of "amen" support from some of the same leaders when he said the SBC has reached the end of its much-discussed declines.

C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., at a meeting to plan 1964 Baptist Jubilee Advance events, declared: "We've hit the bottom of the declines and are on our way up again."

JAMES DECLARES JFK BACKS BAPTIST VIEWS

DALLAS (BP)—A Southern Baptist editor who opposed with great vigor the election of a Roman Catholic as the nation's president in 1960 returned recently from a personal visit with that president voicing a changed opinion.

E. S. James, outspoken edi-

tor of the Baptist Standard, said on his return from the White House that President John F. Kennedy shares Baptists' views on separation of church and state.

James further declared in an editorial following his visit with the president that at least one Roman Catholic has proved he could conduct his office without religious bias.

The Baptist editor said his opposition to the election of a Catholic president in 1960 was based "On a sincere belief that no member of the Roman Catholic church would be free to think and act independently."

Editor James said it was a pleasure to tell the president that he "Has disillusioned many of us who feared that a Roman Catholic could not make a good president."

James said he praised the president on his fairness in making political appointments, his strict adherence to a pre-election promise to defend the principle of church-state separation, and his actions during the Cuban crisis.

"He has sometimes stood very tall when the country was bowed low," said editor James, "and perhaps he stood tallest when he quarantined Cuba and defied the communist world."

James told the Dallas morning news he felt a great many Catholic people who voted for the president before may not do so again.

"But vast numbers of others who hold a more strict interpretation of church and state separation would no doubt support him," he said.

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Parochial Aid Hit At Hearings

Washington (BP)—The problem of Federal Aid to Parochial Schools broke out into the open again at hearings before the house committee on education and labor.

Two spokesmen for national organizations challenged the position taken earlier by the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. They were F. L. Bull, chairman of the committee on Legislation, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Gerald E. Knoff, Executive Secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

The hearing was conducted by Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D., Ky.) chairman of a special subcommittee on education.

Mrs. Bull stated that Parent Teachers Associations in 41 states in 1962 approved federal

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MISSIONS GROUP URGES CORRELATION

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. (B P)—Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention were asked to intensify correlation of their information, programs, and meetings for associations.

The request came during a national conference on associational missions at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly here attended by 662 agency and association leaders.

The convention's Home Mission Board sponsored the meeting in cooperation with the other agencies to give the associational leaders an opportunity

to discuss the functions and work of the association in place in the life of the denomination, and its correlation with denominational units.

Participants termed the meeting "A satisfying dialogue" between the association workers and the staffs of the agencies. A majority of the time during the week was spent in 16 study groups examining and formulating techniques for association work.

A summary statement from the results of ten study groups

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SBC Tops 10 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)—Membership in Southern Baptist churches topped the 10 million mark in 1962, according to the annual release of statistics for the Southern Baptist Convention.

The mark was passed early in the year, with the total reaching 10,193,052 at year's end, said J. P. Edmunds of Nashville. Edmunds is secretary of research and statistics for the SBC Sunday School Board.

This means the Southern Baptist Convention has passed the Methodist church as the largest Protestant denomination in America.

Edmunds said the membership gain was 214,564 during 1962, a 2.2 per cent increase. The number of converts baptized totaled 381,510, a drop of 21,808 from the previous year.

The number of SBC churches rose to 32,892, a net gain of 294 during 1962. They are located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. There are 15,651 open country churches; 4340 in villages 3706 in towns, and 9195 in cities.

Sunday School enrollment, reported by all but 397 churches, was 7,570,455. The increase was 63,609, as Southern Baptists continued to lead all denominations in total enrollment.

An enrolment increase of 23,212, to a total of 2,747,581, was shown for Training Union. Vacation Bible School enrollment increased to 3,176,550, a gain of 87,838. Choir enrolment (all ages) in the churches spurted to 791,477, an increase of 76,373.

Enrolment for Woman's Missionary Union was 1,148,408, an increase of 14,408, an increase of 1.3 per cent.

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N. O. Trustees Hold Meeting

NEW ORLEANS — Promotion of two professors, voting of the Doctor of Church Music Degree and addition of Woman's Missionary Union courses to the curriculum were highlights of action by New Orleans Seminary trustees in their annual winter meeting.

Dr. Kenneth Hartley and George C. Herndon were named associate professors at the meeting. Dr. Hartley is convener of graduate studies in the school of church music. Dr. Herndon is registrar.

In voting a doctoral program in the School of Church Music, the trustees set in motion projects to implement this decision. Before students will be admitted to the degree program, the music library will be upgraded and the faculty of the school will be expanded. No date was set for the first admissions to the doctoral program.

In other action, the New Orleans trustees voted to add general and specific W.M.U. programs to the curriculum. Previously, education in this field has been interrupted among several departments, notably church administration.

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STATE BAPTIST NOW NEAR HALF-MILLION

The membership of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is gradually approaching the half-million mark, according to figures released this week by Rev. L. Gordon Sapping, Associate Executive Secretary.

The convention now has 483,680 members, a gain of 7,294 over the 476,386 reported a year ago.

Sunday School enrollment now totals 320,517, a gain of 2,473 over the year before, while Vacation Bible School enrollment now totals 147,224, an increase of 5,760 over the year previous.

Training Union enrollment now stands at 148,408, an increase of 14,408, an increase of 1.3 per cent.

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UPON CHURCH LEADERS

Caution Urged In Tax Reaction

WASHINGTON (BP)—Church leaders should proceed with caution in their reaction to the Kennedy administration's proposals for tax reduction and tax reforms, according to a Baptist leader here.

"If the churches go to the public saying that their programs cannot exist without the aid of a tax policy which encourages people to give," the churches would be declaring their dependence rather than their independence of the government's powers," he said.

"It is earnestly to be desired," he continued, "that the time of tax revision shall be a time of increased strength in the churches, rather than an increase subservience and dependence upon public policy. It should be a time when church people think through the nature of their commitment to Christ and to his church."

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in a study of Baptist

principles and tax revision, neither supported nor opposed President Kennedy's tax proposals. He did, however, caution the churches about becoming "The unwitting tools of in the current political and economic debate in the nation."

A number of Baptist leaders requested a study of President Kennedy's proposed tax plans, Carlson said, and the president of the Southern Baptist Convention asked the Baptist

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AMOUNT PROPOSED—'64 SBC Budget Set \$19,248,500

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's proposed 1964 budget through the Cooperative Program is \$19,248,500.

The SBC Executive Committee voted here to recommend that figure to the 1963 convention session in Kansas City, Mo., beginning May 7.

The budget is under the 1963 sum of \$19,792,500. Adjustment was made to assure full payment of 1962 and 1963 capital needs allocated SBC agencies. The 1964 goal of \$20,149,217 would provide extra funds for the two mission boards, if reached, Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, said.

The convention failed to collect its full operating and capital needs in 1961 and 1962. The 1961 capital needs have been met now, but part of the 1962 capital funds still are due the agencies. These have priority over 1963 capital disbursements.

The proposed 1964 SBC Cooperative Program budget provides a target of \$14,626,500, compared with \$14,217,500 for 1962. The capital needs section is smaller.

The Executive Committee indicated it believes the 1964 budget will be met in full by receipts from the state Baptist offices. If income passes the

\$19,248,500 mark, the excess will be divided solely between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The Foreign Mission Board will get 75 per cent of the excess, or advance, section.

Over Half To FMB

Of the operating budget for 1964, more than half—\$7,550,000—will go to the Foreign Mission Board. The six semi-

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Seminary Extension To Move

The Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries, located at 320 North West Street, Jackson, will be moved to Nashville, Tenn., in the near future.

June 1 is the target date for moving, it has been announced by Dr. Harold K. Graves, of Mill Valley, Calif., chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Seminary Extension Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The department, an agency of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, was established in 1951 with offices in Jackson. Dr. Ralph H. Herring is Director.

In moving to Nashville, the department will be housed on the third floor of the recently-completed Southern Baptist Convention Building.

Approval for space in the building was granted by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting last week in Nashville.

Other units also occupying of (Continued on page 2)

Lay Luncheon Set For Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)—The first Baptist laymen's fellowship luncheon to occur during a session of the Southern Baptist Convention will meet here May 8.

"As Kansas City Baptist laymen, (we) felt that a local group of men should honor laymen visitors who have come to represent their churches as messengers during the Southern Baptist Convention," said Dr. David F. Eubank, local physician.

Dr. Eubank is chairman of the World Missions Committee of the Brotherhood of Kansas City Baptist Association.

Theme of the meeting is "Men and missions." Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, director, SBC Radio and Television Commission, will speak.

Kermit S. King Loses Father

Kermit S. King, state Training Union Director, was in Chattanooga the past week end to attend the funeral of his father, W. S. King, who died Friday of last week after a lengthy illness.

Other survivors include a son, Garland King and a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Goodlet, both of Chattanooga.



70 ATTEND BAPTIST HOSPITAL INSTITUTE

SEVERAL LEADERS are seen together at the third annual Institute of Pastoral Care for the Baptist Hospital, Jackson. Left to right, seated are, Paul J. Fryer, hospital superintendent; Dr. Ernest H. Hawkins, Pineville, La.; and Rev. Edward Dowdy, hospital assistant chaplain. Standing: Dr. J. Clark Ramsey, Misses Superintendent of Missions, and Dr. Jim G. Hambrick, Jackson. The Institute was sponsored by the hospital and the Missions County Association.



L. E. Gandy

ANSWERS CALL TO MINISTRY

L. E. Gandy, a native Mississippian and a 1956 graduate of Mississippi College, has surrendered to the gospel ministry and will enroll in New Orleans Seminary March 21. (He also attended Clark College. During his college days he took part in a number of youth-led revivals. He was known as "Doc" Gandy by many of his schoolmates.)

For more than six years Gandy has been an employee of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. He was store manager at Canton, Mississippi, office manager at Natchez, Mississippi and Alexandria, Louisiana and Territory manager at Baton Rouge and Shreveport, before becoming manager of the Monroe store nearly two years ago.

For the past year Gandy has served as a deacon of the Lake-shore Baptist Church of Monroe, Louisiana where Rev. Vester Headrick is the pastor. He also is superintendent of the Single Young Peoples' Department in the Sunday school of his church and is Young Peoples' Leader in the Association Sunday School organization of the Ouachita Parish Baptist Association.

Gandy married the former Joan Eaton of Pelahatchie, Mississippi and they have two daughters, Julia, five, and Sandra Jo, three. They presently reside at 403 Beasley Drive, Monroe, Louisiana.

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. — Basil

Such as every one is inwardly, so he judgeth outwardly. — Thomas Kempis

Mississippi College Benefactor Dies In Jackson Last Week

One of the most loyal supporters of Mississippi College died this past week.

Mrs. W. E. Thompson, 76, well-known retired State Department of Public Welfare social worker and school administrator, died Tuesday, February 19, at the Baptist Hospital following an illness of several months.

She was the widow of W. E. Thompson, public school administrator, who died in 1932. She had retired in 1953 after 47 years of public service.

Mrs. Thompson, served 30 years as a teacher and superintendent of agricultural high school and 17 years as a social worker for the State Department of Public Welfare.

A native of Attala County, she was graduated from Meridian Female College and did further study at George Peabody College, Blue Mountain College, and the school of Social Work at William and Mary College.

Aided Many Students

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson aided many students to obtain their college degrees. Neither were graduates of Mississippi College, but both felt the strong need of providing students with a quality education in a Christian atmosphere. Some 20 students have gone through Mississippi College on a scholarship established by Mrs. Thompson in memory of her husband. The W. Elmer Thompson Memorial Scholarship fund is designed to aid "worthy young men and women, whose basic qualifications are Christian character and need of assistance." Under the terms of her will, her benefactions will be enlarged.

Mrs. Thompson was awarded a Who's Who in America Special Citation for Educational Philanthropy at Mississippi College several years ago. The Thompsons have contributed over \$75,000 to the college.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jackson. For 18 years she served on the board of directors of the Gateway Mission, Jackson.

Services were held from the Stonewall Church, Ethel, with Dr. Eugene I. Farr, Mississippi College professor, officiating.

tax rates and of the proposal to establish five per cent floor for deductions, Carlson said.

"These issues are primarily questions of tax policy rather than of church-state relations."

In his attempt to relate Baptist principles to tax policies, Carlson pointed out that church concern should be primarily for people and for the advancement of the Christian message. He indicated that Christians are concerned for the relief of the poor, the care of the aged, and for the establishment of principles of justice and equity.

Administration spokesmen say that such relief will be accomplished by the proposed tax reductions and reforms. Carlson indicated that he was willing to leave these questions for the economists to debate.

He explained that the proposed five per cent floor for deductions had been widely misunderstood and misinterpreted. The proposal would allow those deductions which are more than five per cent of adjusted gross incomes. This includes all deductions, not just church contributions.

The purpose given for this proposal is "To arrest the erosion of the tax base." The problem of deductions is seen in the figures since 1944. The itemized deductions listed by American taxpayers have increased from \$6 billion in 1944 to \$10 billion in 1950, to \$27.5 billion in 1958, and to about \$40 billion in 1962.

This increase resulted from several factors: (1) A rapid increase in state taxes (equalled 30 per cent of total deductions in 1960); (2) increased interest, especially on home mortgages; (3) increased medical expenses.

Carlson pointed out that under the new proposed five per cent floor on deductions, the five per cent would be reached in many cases by involuntary expenses such as taxes, interest and other items. This would place church and charity giving above the five per cent floor.

Another administration proposal is that persons with high incomes who now can give up to 91 per cent of their incomes to charity tax-free will have the percentage reduced to 65 per cent. Many church institutions fear that this will cut heavily into their support from big gifts.

The reasoning of the administration is that persons with high incomes should pay income taxes, that persons should not be allowed to avoid taxes simply by giving to charity.

Carlson predicted that the result of such a reduction in non-taxable percentage income or wealthy persons would be minimal as far as church institutions are concerned. He gave three reasons: (1) the number of such persons is very small; (2) many of those that exist are in the habit of giving to foundations or projects which they and their families control; and (3) often their giving consists of properties which are valued at high market value even though they were acquired at lower costs.

The Baptist leader adopted an optimistic attitude toward giving on the part of church members. He said that if the Federal Government refrains from collecting \$10.2 billion, one could presume that the people would have more money with which to contribute to the churches.

"To assume that the reduction in the tax rate would reduce people's motivation for giving to the churches would be to indict our people's religious commitment beyond evidence or reason," he said.

He continued, "Baptists have a long heritage of emphasis on free commitment to God, and on voluntary stewardship to God. These should relieve denominational apprehensions regarding the quality of stewardship among us. It is the writer's opinion that if the Baptist people have more money, they will also give more money, and that most of them do not give for the sake of reducing their taxes."

A total of 228 religious groups reported 286,661 Sunday or Sabbath schools with an enrollment of 44,434,291, and 3,715,221 teachers and officers. Enrollment in 1960 was 43,231,018. The value of new church or religious building construction dropped from \$1,016,000,000 in 1960 to \$984,000,000 in 1961.

Last year more than two million United States citizens made trips to foreign countries—an increase of about 9.5 per cent over the 1961 total, which was 1,787,000, according to a year-end survey by American Express Company, a travel agency and banking concern. Expenditures of these travelers are expected to climb to about \$2.8 billion in 1963, from \$2.6 billion in 1962, from \$2.6 billion in 1961. The 1963 total of visitors to the United States, excluding Canadians and Mexicans, was estimated to have grown from 624,000 in 1961 to 710,000.



RELIGIOUS WEEK COMMITTEE—Mississippi College Religious Emphasis Week has been set for March 25-29 on the college campus. Serving as the planning committee for the special week are, seated, left to right, Jennie Louise Dickens, Thomastown; Linda Lowe, Warrington, Fla.; Mildred James, Hattiesburg; Judy Hall, Decatur, Ga.; Eleanor Foster, Vicksburg; Doris Haver, Birmingham, Ala.; Charlotte Allen, Columbia; Carolyn Arnold, Jackson; Betty Ruth Harris, Prentiss; and K'Anne Gore, Redlands, Calif. Back row, left to right, are Paul Cain, Kosciusko; Verner Alexander, Jackson; Gordon Sansing, Jackson; Jim Furgerson, St. Louis, Mo.; Sanmy Makamson, Itta Bena; Gerald Howell, Pontotoc; Bud Polk, Columbia; Bob Welch, Laurel; Lee Webb, Florence; Allen Hale, Mobile, Ala.; Jerry Rankin, Clinton; and Van Williams, Pontotoc. (M.C. Photo)

Speakers For Baptist Hour Are Announced

FORT WORTH, Tex. — "The Baptist Hour," Southern Baptists' international radio worship service, will feature three "relief" preachers during April, May and June, it was announced today by Dr. Herbert Gabbhart, chairman of the Baptist Hour committee, for the Radio TV Commission.

Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Church, Oklahoma City, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be off the air during this period of his heaviest convention activity. Dr. Hobbs has been permanent preacher for "The Baptist Hour" since Oct. 1958. He will return to the program in July.

Howard E. Butt, Jr. Corpus Christi, vice president of the H. E. Butt Grocery Co. and Layman evangelist, will speak on the four Sundays in April.

Paul M. Stevens, director of the Radio and Television Commission in Ft. Worth, which produces and distributes "The Baptist Hour" to 493 stations in 35 states and 13 foreign countries, will be speaker during May. This will be the first on the program since a series he preached the middle of 1964.

Wayne E. Oates, professor of religious psychology, Southern Seminary, Louisville, will speak for five Sundays on the program in June.

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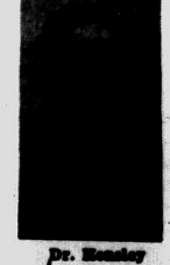
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Dr. Hendry



Mr. Love



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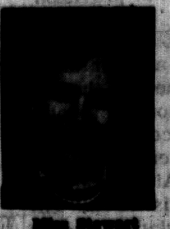
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| 2. Nursery (one or two depts.) | **Carolyn Madison, Jackson |
| 3. Nursery (three or more depts.) | Mrs. Eddie Prather, Tupelo |
| 4. Beginner (one dept.) | *Mrs. George Meek, Jackson |
| 5. Beginner (two or more depts.) | Miss Mary Royce Eckles, Greenville |
| 6. Primary (depts. — only one age) | Robert Dowdy, BSSB, Nashville |
| 7. Primary (depts. — more than one age) | Mrs. George Ethridge, Bailey |
| 8. Junior (teachers) | **W. T. Douglas, Jackson |
| 9. Junior (dept. workers) | Neta Stewart, BSSB, Nashville |
| 10. Intermediate (teachers) | George Holmes, Ala. SSD, Montgomery |
| 11. Intermediate (dept. workers) | *James Webster, Jackson |
| 12. Young People (single) | Ralph Halbrooks, Ala. SSD, Montgomery |
| 13. Young People (MYF) | Joseph M. Haynes, BSSB, Nashville |
| 14. Young People (YFA) | Mrs. John Colle, Pascagoula |
| 15. Young People (college) | Mrs. Burke C. Murphy, Starkville |
| 16. Adult (teachers) | Harold Anderson, Ala. SSD, Montgomery |
| 17. Adult (dept. and class officers) | *Chester Vaughn, Hattiesburg |
| 18. Extension | **John Alexander, Jackson |
| 19. Superintendent and General Associates | Harold Marsh, Secretary, Ala. Sunday School Department, Montgomery |
| 20. Pastors | J. Clark Hensley, Jackson |
| 21. Education Directors | Henry Love, First Baptist Church, Shreveport |
| 22. Kindergarten (no Tues. morning conference) | Mrs. Hester Blaine, Jackson |

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Where History Was Made

Executive Secretaries and Editors of the Southern Baptist Convention held their annual meetings in Williamsburg, Virginia, during the second week of February. These conferences bring together the two groups to discuss common problems, and to consider plans and programs for the future. While the meetings are held in the same city, there are usually only one or two joint sessions. Two years from now Mississippi will host the conferences which are scheduled for the Gulf Coast.

The meetings in Williamsburg were not unusual as to general program, but were very unusual as to setting. Williamsburg stands at the very heart of the earliest scenes of our nation's history. Jamestown is only eight miles in one direction, and Yorktown is just a few miles in the other. Numerous other historic shrines are only short distances away.

Williamsburg

No place, however, is more historic than Williamsburg itself. Only a few hours spent here brings a new concept and appreciation of early American history, such as may not be found in the same way in other places in the land. The town has been amazingly and beautifully restored to the conditions of colonial days, and one seems to feel the spirit and presence of the patriots of those years before and during the founding of our nation. To visit the homes, the shops, the inns, the church and the government buildings where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and other great Americans lived, worked and worshipped, literally makes one breathe the air of freedom with a new sense of thanksgiving to God for what He wrought through our fathers.

As a preparation for visits to the historic places, the visitor to Williamsburg is shown a beautiful color film, "The Making of A Patriot". This moving picture tells the story of colonial days and of how a man of that day, through his contacts with men like Washington, Jefferson, Henry and others, came to see that America must be free. The film was made in restored Williamsburg, in the very streets and buildings which the visitor later sees.

Baptist History, Too

As we visited this historic city, and then journeyed to Richmond to view some of its shrines, to visit the Virginia Baptist Building, and to be guests of the Foreign Mission Board, we also had many thoughts of the early Baptists of Virginia. These, too, had a part, not only in winning freedom for America, but also religious freedom for Baptists and all other people of the new nation.

We thought of men like John Waller, Lewis Craig and James Childs who dared to stand for religious liberty, and bought it, for themselves and their posterity, at a very high price. As we sat in the historic church in Richmond where Patrick Henry had uttered his immortal words, "Give me liberty or give me death!" we could not forget that on another occasion this same Episcopalian lawyer and statesman had defended the above named preachers in their right to preach "the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ". We remembered Elder James Leland and other Baptist leaders who persisted in their demands that religious freedom and separation of church and state be written into the constitution, and won men like James Madison, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to their cause. We could never forget that it was in 1779 that Virginia stopped the support of a state church and that in 1886 Thomas Jefferson's "Act for Establishing Religious Freedom" was adopted by the Virginia legislature. The fight was pursued until the same freedoms were written as the first amendment to the new constitution of the new nation for all Americans to enjoy. Virginia did that... and the Baptists of Virginia.

Other historic Baptist events came to mind such as the establishing of Woman's Missionary Union, in Richmond, just seventy-five years ago. Our hearts were moved, too, as we stood in the Foreign Mission Board building and felt that somehow we were in touch with the whole world, as far as Southern Baptist work was concerned.

It was a stirring and blessed experience just to visit historic Virginia, and this, along with the many other features of the sessions, made this an unforgettable meeting. Many of us will hope to return to Virginia again and spend more time in some of its historic places.

Is A Lie Ever Justified?

According to Religious Freedom News, quoting a news release in the New York Times, on last December 6, Assistant Secretary Sylvester of the Department of Defense, told a gathering of journalists that it is the inherent right of a nation "to lie to save itself." This statement evidently was made in connection with discussion of the issue of "controlled news."

Since we did not see the entire story we are not sure that we have the full meaning of the statement of the government official. However, if the quotation is rightly reported and interpreted it reveals an alarming trend in some government thinking.

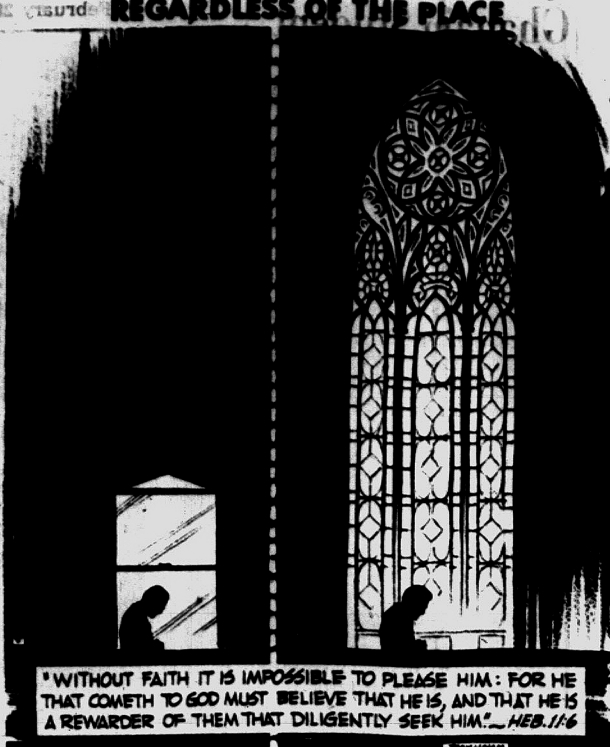
This is not the first time that such suggestions have appeared in national government circles. Some time ago the New York Times reported that by "unanimous decision" the National Labor Relations Board ruled that it is permissible for unions or employers to lie to workers when trying to convince them to vote for or against a union. The publication Christian Economics quoted the New York Times as publishing the following statement from the said Board: "Exaggerations, inaccuracies, partial truths, name-calling and falsehoods, while not condoned, may be excused as legitimate propaganda before a union representation election."

These reports are most disturbing. The very foundations of American government are built upon truth. We do not expect such governments as Communist ones to speak truth, for they are built upon lies. But tragic will be the day when we can no longer always believe or trust our government leaders. Truth must be enthroned or destruction and decay will quickly follow.

The command for truth, and against lying and falsehood, is one of the great moral laws given by God Himself. "Thou shalt not bear false witness" is the ninth commandment of the Decalogue and it can never be repealed by man. A lying tongue is an "abomination to God" according to the Bible (Proverbs 6:17) and Revelation 21:8 says that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Many other Bible passages reveal the seriousness of lying, and God's condemnation of it.

All lies are wrong, whether they be "little white lies" as they are sometimes called, or big, black lies. They are evil and wrong and destructive, whether they come from individuals, from institutions or from governments. No institution built upon lies can long abide. A life that is based upon falsehood will eventually be exposed. A lasting home cannot be built upon untruth. A government which can only hold its power by deception and lying will soon be destroyed.

Certainly we recognize that there are problems of international relationships and diplomacy which would prevent a government from revealing all of its plans, but



BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
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MESSIAH

"Messiah" is a Hebrew word (mashiach) meaning "anointed" or "anointed." As an official title it appears in the Hebrew form only twice in the Old Testament (Dan. 9:25-26) and twice in the New Testament (John 1:41; 4:25). But the idea of "anointing" is abundantly found in the Old Testament.

Anointing with olive oil, sometimes perfumed, was a part of the daily toilet of the Hebrews. However, among the poor it was probably used only on special occasions (Ruth 3:3). During a time of mourning one abstained from this practice (II Sam. 14:2; cf. I Sam. 12:20). Anointing a guest with oil was an act of hospitality (Ps. 23:5; cf. Luke 7:46).

In the religious sense anointing applied to both things and persons. Stones might be anointed to constitute altars (Gen. 28:18-20; cf. 31:13). Both the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:9), its altar (Ex. 40:10) and its vessels (Ex. 40:11; Lev. 8:11) were thus consecrated. As "anointed" they were holy unto Jehovah (Lev. 8:10).

Persons set apart for Jehovah's service also were anointed. This practice probably originated in Egypt, and was practiced by the Canaanites prior to the Hebrew invasion. Among the Hebrews this custom applied to priests (Ex. 30:30); kings (I Sam. 10:1; 15:1; 16:12; II Sam. 2:4; note Elijah anointing a pagan king, I Kgs. 19:15-16), and prophets (I

Kings 19:16, only example, but see Isa. 61:1). To anoint one with sacred oil was to impart to the anointed a special endowment of the Spirit of Jehovah (I Sam. 16:13; cf. Isa. 61:1). Hence the sacred regard for the "Lord's anointed" (I Sam. 26:23).

It is understandable, therefore, how the word "Messiah" came to be applied to One who would be sent from Jehovah for divine deliverance (cf. Dan. 9:25-26). He would be Prophet, Priest, and King "anointed" of God by His Spirit (Isa. 61:1; cf. Acts 10:38). Unfortunately, however, the priestly, sacrificial role of the Messiah was lost in the Jewish concept. The role of the prophet survived but dimly (Matt. 16:14). In their worldly, political ambitions the Jews came to look for a political, military Messiah (cf. John 6:15; cf. 6:26, 60ff.) who would deliver them from Roman bondage and set up an earthly kingdom (cf. Luke 24:21; Acts 1:6). This picture abounds in the Jewish writings between the Old and New Testaments. Hence Satan's proposal (Matt. 4:8-10). For this reason "He came unto his own (things), and his own (people) received him not (did not welcome him)", (John 1:11). But a remnant did receive Him (cf. Luke 2:26).

The Hebrew word "Messiah" is rendered in the Greek language as "Christ" (cf. John 1:41; 4:25).



People And Things

Some matters aren't worth worrying about. Others are. The task of the Christian is to distinguish between the two.

Jesus can help us to recognize the former. He tells us not to be anxious about the physical comforts (Matt. 6:25-34). To be sure, he did not say that we shouldn't even think about them, although that seems to be the sense of the usual translation. "Take no thought" (Merimnao) means literally "don't be split in two." The point is that mere things are unworthy of the degree of concern that divides and destroys our very personality.

Strangely enough, however,

Paul used the very same word to speak approvingly of Timothy: "I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state" (Philippians 2:19). What is the difference? What can we infer from Jesus' prohibition and from Paul's approval? Is it not this, that things are not worthy worrying about but people are?

Of course, this conclusion depends in part on what you mean by worry. And, for a fact, there are extremes both of concern and the lack of it. But the principle is plain: things don't matter so much, but people do.

We cannot believe that it is right or necessary to resort to lying in order to achieve its purposes.

Since God so clearly forbids and condemns lying, we do not see how any nation resorting to it can long endure. Let our nation, our institutions and all individuals stand on truth alone. We see nothing to fear when that is done.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM COMMENTARY, THOUGHT AND OPINION

If the years have taught you to be kind, they have brought you their finest gift.—Copied.

Faith is a lamp in the hands of men. If it is never lighted, the world is seldom aware that they have passed.

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.—Mark Twain

Big heads offer ample room for small minds to rattle.—The Baptist Magazine.

Gossip is like spinach. It all boils down to very little.—The Baptist Magazine.

A man of sense may be in haste, but can never be in a hurry.—Lord Chesterfield

New Books

CANNIBAL VALLEY by Russell T. Hitt (Harper and Row, 253 pp., \$3.95)

The writer traveled to New Guinea to gather material for this exciting new book which tells of "the heroic struggle for Christ in savage New Guinea—the most perilous mission frontier in the world." Missionaries found in Dutch New Guinea such things as cannibalism, wife-stealing, barbaric funeral rites, quick friendliness and sudden threats of murder. But the missionaries stayed until among the fierce Dani tribes people there came a spiritual awakening. Today churches have sprung up in "Cannibal Valley and many ex-cannibals worship Christ.

MAKE IT AN ADVENTURE BY Marcus Bach (Prentice-Hall, 206 pp., \$4.95)

A thrilling challenge to make of life a glorious adventure, this book is a real find to the one who will "read it and heed it." The author, a professor at the School of Religion, University of Iowa, says that here is "the secret spark that spells the difference between greatness and littleness, success and failure, zest and depression."

THE PARSONAGE FAMILY AND YOU by Pauline E. Oldham (Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana, \$2.50)

A helpful guide to church members giving suggestions for better relations between laymen and "their friends in the parsonage." The writer of the book is a minister's wife.

FOCUS — THE CRY FOR BREAD by Anna J. Lindgren (Moody Press, 153 pp., \$2.95)

Here is a heartsearching novel written in diary form. Esther

Winge, the main character, struggles to focus on herself, and seeks to find the True Bread of Life. Of Jews, of immigrants, of labor unions, of factory workers, of poverty, of social work, of frustration, of love — of these the author writes. She has taken tangled skeins and woven a meaningful pattern.

BROADMAN COMMENTS, 1963, by H. I. Hester and J. Winston Pearce (Broadman).

The 1963 Broadman Comments, excellent commentary on the International Sunday School Lessons, is available in quarterly paperback editions selling for 95 cents each.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR VERBAL SKILLS by Robert E. Morsberger (Thomas Y. Crowell, 332 pp., \$4.95)

Says the English Professor author, "Most Americans recognize only 20,000 of the 500,000 words in the English language. Many use, a vocabulary of only 1,000 words in their daily conversation. To improve one's knowledge of the language, only one thing is needed: interest." In this new book, Morsberger includes a short biography of the English language, sections on getting a short biography of the English language, sections on getting the most out of the dictionary and understanding and overcoming the bugaboo of spelling, keys to word meanings and vocabulary development, the levels of language and their uses. Added to all this are 82 quizzes for self-testing. The second half of the book explores the relationship of language to logic and emotion. This is a stimulating and informative book.

BAKER'S \$1.00 SERMON LIBRARY: My Sermon Notes on Salvation, Based on 1 Peter, by William P. Van Wyk; What Think Ye of Christ by W. B. Walker; These Days We Remember by Billy Apostolon; Sermons on the Holy Spirit by Hymen A. Appelman. (Baker, average 70-100 pp., paper, \$1.00)

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CREEDS OF THE CHURCHES edited by John H. Leith (Doubleday, 590 pp., paperback, \$1.95)

The purpose of this work, according to the author, is "to provide in one volume the major theological affirmations of the Christian churches." It is an exhaustive work which must have required a great deal of research.

THE SCRIPTURE SOURCEBOOK (Zondervan, 192 pp., \$2.50)

This is a topical textbook of Bible persons, places and subjects. Names, ideas, topics, and subjects which a person might want to find in the Bible are alphabetically indexed, giving Scripture references. The index

Calendar of Prayer

March 4 — L. L. Dean, George associational Brotherhood president; W. H. Sumrall, faculty, Mississippi College.

March 5 — H. Lee Skelton, Benton associational Training Union director; Mrs. Harold D. Scott, Choctaw associational WMU president.

March 6 — Mrs. R. A. Bridges, Grenada associational WMU president; Frank Koger, associate, Seminary Extension Department.

March 7 — Patterson B. Moseley, faculty, William Carey College; Ann Burnside, Baptist Book Store.

March 8 — Arthur L. Nelson, Baptist Building; Lincoln Newman, state juvenile director.

March 9 — Mrs. Elma Lois McKinstry, faculty, Blue Mountain College; T. L. Everett, faculty, Clarke College.

March 10 — A. L. Hataway, staff, Baptist Children's Village; C. A. Rothe, Winston associational superintendent of missions.

roduction, "How to Study the Bible," is by Dwight L. Moody. This book was formerly published by the American Bible Society under the title, "The Bible Textbook."

THE POWER OF CHRIST-LIKE LIVING by Leslie B. Flynn (Zondervan, 127 pp., \$2.50)

Warm, searching sermons on Christian living. The titles are unusual, and the messages all begin with an apt and fresh illustration which invites interest in the truths to follow. The outlines are usually alliterative, and the messages are deeply spiritual.

MY SERMON NOTES ON PARABLES AND METAPHORS by William P. Van Wyk (Baker, 110 pp., \$1.95)

Another volume in the Minister's Handbook Series. Here are twenty-four outlined studies of Parables and Metaphors of Jesus. The outlining is full and the exposition is thorough. The author's purpose is to reveal exactly what Jesus was saying in these messages he was delivering. Helpful, thought provoking messages.

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IN THE KING'S SERVICE by Gertrude Nelson Diem, with illustrations by Ken Hultgren (Vantage Press, Inc., 96 pp., \$2.50)

The Junior will be fascinated by these adventure stories of a boy in the service of Christ, the King. The author knows the Junior well, she has made these stories vivid and exciting.

Baptist Forum

Wants Pictures Former Pastors At Noxapater

Gentlemen: As church historian, I am trying to get pictures of former pastors of the Noxapater Baptist Church (Mt. Carmel). If you have pictures of any of these in your files, would you lend them to me to have copied.

Yours sincerely,
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THE ANNUAL meetings of Southern Baptist editors and of executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions, held in Williamsburg, Va., in February, included a drive to Richmond for visits to Virginia Baptist and Foreign Mission Board offices and spots of historic interest. In this picture the Baptist leaders and their wives have just left their buses and are entering the Foreign Mission Board headquarters building.

Church In Brooklyn Honors Doctor-Freedom Fighter

By Gainer E. Bryan Jr.
New York (BP)—The First Baptist Church of Brooklyn honored a Baptist surgeon from Colombia for his work toward religious freedom in his country.

It gave the embossed citation to Dr. Amos Augusto Britton, a chest surgeon now studying in this New York City Borough. It noted Dr. Britton's "Humble dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the principle of religious freedom."

The ceremony was part of the Thanksgiving service at the Brooklyn Church, which had just moved into a new location. Until this time, it had been using rooms in a young men's Christian association (YMCA). It is a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention.

It was the shutdown of Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Schools on the islands of San Andres and Providencia in 1954 that spurred the surgeon to political action. Time magazine reported the action at that time.

San Andres and Providencia are two palmshaded dots in the Caribbean Sea. Though located off the coast of Nicaragua they belong to Colombia. The schools are the pride and joy of the people there. Literacy on the islands is reportedly 100 per cent; in Colombia itself, it's only 56 per cent.

It was a jolt, then, to the people when a Spanish priest, newly appointed as inspector of education for the islands by the Colombian government, closed the mission schools.

Another In Series
This was another in a five-year series of anti-evangelical blows in Colombia coming after the government's concordat with the Vatican. This agreement had made the islands one of 18 "mission territories" of the Roman Catholic church.

"The idea as we saw it was to close all the schools, then all the churches," said the surgeon. During the period of what Dr. Britton called "General persecution," churches were killed.

Yet the number of evangelicals more than doubled, he said.

Dr. Britton and others started a campaign to arouse public opinion. They submitted articles to the liberal press. They cited the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. They visited the papal delegate.

"The universal declaration of human rights of the United Nations was hanging on the wall of the minister's office," said Dr. Britton. "We pointed it out to him."

"Finally we were able, after a strong campaign, to see President Gustavo Rojas Pinilla. When we entered his chambers there was a new minister of education by his side. The old one had been sent back to Vatican City." The president said the schools would open.

The local inspector on the islands still wouldn't yield. But,



DOCTOR HONORED—Colombian surgeon Amos Augusto Britton is honored by Southern Baptist church in Brooklyn (New York City) for his fight to reopen Baptist schools on two Caribbean islands belonging to Colombia. Successful fight occurred in 1954 when government closed schools after a concordat with Vatican. Schools eventually reopened. Left to right, Pastor Morgan (wearing glasses), Mrs. Morgan (at pulpit, reading citation), and Dr. Britton. (BP) Photo by Gainer E. Bryan Jr.

acting on the assurance of Dr. Britton and his associates, the schools were reopened anyway, after Dr. Britton told the island people about his visit to the president and new minister.

The schools stayed open. Dr. Britton is now engaged in a fellowship in nuclear medicine at the Brooklyn National Laboratory. He has a contract to serve with the Colombian institute of nuclear affairs when he returns.

A Baptist, he was baptized by Brooklyn Pastor D. A. Morgan when Britton was 15. Morgan was a member of churches developed through Southern Baptist Missions.

Turned Down Offer
The Brooklyn Church purchased its new location from a German Baptist congregation. The owners turned down an offer of more than \$100,000 to sell it to Southern Baptists for \$80,000.

16 Nationalities are represented in its membership and persons of three more nations attend its services. It ministers to people of all races.

Several Southern Baptist Convention leaders were present for the service. They include Courts Redford, Atlanta, Executive Secretary, SB C Home Mission Board, and Roy D. Gresham, Baltimore, Executive Secretary, Baptist Convention of Maryland.

On the Saturday before the service, the pastor, Mrs. Morgan, their three sons and two nieces—who lived above the

church—were wakened by robbers. Forcing a door open, the robbers had entered the apartment. They bound and gagged the seven occupants and stole \$255 and some jewelry.

Morgan and the family were held at bay with daggers fashioned from automobile radio antennas. Later Morgan was able to free himself, then the others.

Morgan cited this crime as evidence that the church stands where it can render a Christian moral influence on the community.

How Far Can We Differ And Still Maintain Our Unity

By C. E. Colton, Pastor
Royal Haven Church, Dallas

In the July 5, 1962 issue of The Baptist Message of Louisiana an article appeared from the pen of Dr. C. Dewitt Matthews under the title, "No Creed but the Bible." In this article Dr. Matthews warns Southern Baptists against the danger of trying to "force all Baptists into a rigid mold of conformity" on all theological issues, including in particular one's view of the Bible. He reminds us in this article of the undeniable fact that Baptists through the years have never agreed among themselves on some things. There have always been divergencies of opinion among Baptists. This is one thing that has helped to make us great. We refuse to be poured into a theological strait jacket.

But we must also remember, as Dr. Matthews points out, that the real secret of our greatness lies in the fact that we as Baptists have held in common certain great fundamental principles of religious truth. It is good to have diversity, but no group can long maintain any semblance of unity unless there are certain basic conceptions of religious truth which all in the group hold in common. For the sake of such unity the group as a whole has a perfect right to expect all who identify themselves with the group to accept these fundamental principles or to go elsewhere to believe and practice divergent views.

Protecting Freedom
This is not robbing any man of his freedom. It is only protecting the freedom of the group and giving to the man with a divergent view the privilege of believing and teaching his own view in a climate which is conducive to that view. I cherish the principle which makes possible a wide latitude of beliefs within the framework of our Baptist fellowship. I have always resented any effort that would force me to fit into a certain theological mold. But I cherish even more the great basic religious principles upon which these Baptist people have stood through the years and because of which we have built up a

Chapman Student Applies at Mercer

MACON, Ga. (BP)—A young Ghana ministerial student, won to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries, has applied for admission to Mercer University, Georgia Baptists' senior four-year college here.

If admitted, he will be the first person of his race to enroll in a Georgia Baptist school.

Mercer President Rufus C. Harris would make no comment regarding his application pending from a special committee appointed by the Georgia Baptist Convention last November to study the matter of integration of Georgia Baptist Institutions.

A special committee from the Mercer Board of Trustees is working with the convention committee in the matter.

The Ghana boy, 22 years old, was led to Jesus by Harris Mobley of Savannah, Ga., a 1955 graduate of Mercer now on furlough from missionary service in Ghana. The Ghanaian is a graduate of an English-speaking school with exceptionally high grades. He wants to study for the ministry.

The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Convention weekly newspaper published in Atlanta, announced the application in a news story-editorial calling for his admittance "Without any quibbling."

John J. Hurt, editor of the Index, said "If this young Ghana student qualifies for admission, as every indication promises he will, Mercer University must admit him without any quibbling. We either admit him or we should have the courage to call home all of our missionaries and go out of the business. We either admit him or we are in greater need of missionary preaching than Ghana."

Hurt said "Mercer University must separate the application of a Ghana student from the issue of admitting Negro students now being considered by a special committee of trustees. They are not one and the same."

He said "There are some who will insist on merging the issues. There are some who protest and pledge to withhold their support, financial and

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PRESIDENT, EVANGELIST AT PRAYER BREAKFAST—WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Kennedy, top government leaders, and evangelist Billy Graham are shown as they paid a visit to the 3rd Annual Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Stressing that the American people have a great religious conviction, Mr. Kennedy said there is "recognition of God stated in almost every public document." Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Louis Evans, Jr., guest speaker; Mrs. Arthur Goldberg, wife of the Supreme Court Justice; and Mrs. J. Edward Day, wife of the Postmaster General. Standing, left to right, are Mr. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson; Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kan.); Dr. Graham; and Dr. Abraham Vereide.—RNS Photo.

Baptist Lawyer Says Court Holds Separation

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (BP)—Congress will find it almost impossible to write a constitution

otherwise. The decision must be confined to what is right. If it is otherwise then be assured others will protest and withhold their dollars."

The Index news-editorial also included a letter from Georgia Russell Hilliard, living in Fort Valley, Ga., while on furlough from missionary work in Spain.

Hilliard wrote: "Is it fair for me to ask: Why in the world did we send a missionary to Ghana to preach the love of God if we didn't expect God to keep his promise and save some souls? As one of Georgia Baptists' representatives overseas, I appeal for the admission of this young man."

tional federal aid to education bill, a Richmond attorney and Baptist lay leader said here.

"It's going to be impossible to write a bill without parochial implications in it," Lewis Booker said. Booker is chairman of the religious liberty committee of the Baptist General Association of Virginia.

He said, "The trend of the United States Supreme Court is to preserve the wall of separation of church and state. The Court is very sensitive to church-separation," he added.

Booker agreed with W. Barry Garrett of Washington the federal aid to education bill is one of the major church-state issues now before Congress.

Both men addressed the annual Southern Baptist Press Association meeting here.

Booker said the Supreme Court justified Sunday blue laws, which restrict activity on that day, on economic grounds. When the states disestablished the church, they did not repeal the blue laws which were left, he said.

Blue Laws Vulnerable

These "Early laws were to promote and enforce Sunday worship. All acts prior to the Revolutionary War were clearly religious in nature," Booker continued. The fact they remained after the church and state separated put the laws on an economic base rather than religious.

"The ground on which blue laws are most vulnerable is the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, not the 14th," he said.

Booker said a church ought to pay a real estate tax. "I think exemption is unconstitutional and unwarranted," he added. He predicted the Supreme Court "is probably going to say Bible reading is unconstitutional."

Garrett, associate director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, included the Bible reading question among three major church-state matters on Capitol Hill.

Garrett said the Supreme Court will rule later on suits attacking Bible reading in public schools.

"The treatment of religion as an American heritage required by law is one of the church-state issues," Garrett said. He covered the Bible reading and

is plenty of room within this fence for diversity of opinion.

It is asking too much to request our college and seminary professors to stay within this fence for diversity of opinion on many subjects.

Is it asking too much to request our college and seminary professors to stay within this fence? We do not want to put them in a strait jacket; neither do we want to jeopardize their freedom to exercise their talents in biblical research. We only ask that they stay within the bounds of a framework which recognizes the Bible as the divinely inspired and reliable Word of God.

"This framework we believe there is ample room to challenge the best minds among us and plenty of opportunities to maintain the divergencies which have distinguished Baptists through the years. At the same time it is the only basis for the maintaining of the distinctive unity which has made us great."

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prayer questions in this area.

Points To Third Issue

The third major church-state issue, according to Garrett, is the "Problem of stimulating church contributions by tax policies." He said the Baptist agency he works for does not have enough facts yet to make a statement on Kennedy's desired income tax changes. One of the Kennedy proposals would apparently reduce the amount someone could deduct for gifts to churches and charity.

Garrett said a new poll indicates more and more protestants favor a federal aid to education bill that would include sectarian schools. Why?

"The shift is due to two things," he explained. "The bigoted, anti-Catholic opposition is one. The other is the top-flight job parochial supporters are doing to sell the public on their views. They keep saying it and printing it, week after week."

Alaska Executive Secretary Resigns

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (BP)—L. A. Watson of Anchorage has resigned as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention, a position he has held since 1956. Health was given as the reason for his resignation.

Watson made the announcement at the semi-annual meeting of the convention's board in Fairbanks. He asked that the resignation be effective no later than June 1.

Aubrey Short, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Spenard, was named chairman of a committee to select a successor to Watson.

Watson, a native of Waldron, Ark., was appointed as Superintendent of Missions for Alaska by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1956. That same year he was also made Executive Secretary; and he held both positions until last year, when he dropped the Superintendent of Missions position.

He also served as editor of the "Alaska Baptist Messenger," and for a number of years was Secretary of Evangelism for the state.

Four years prior to his Alaska work, Watson was superintendent of missions in Colorado Baptist Convention.

'63-64 Sunday School Program Is Announced

NASHVILLE—The theme for the 1963-64 program of Sunday School work is "Outreach for the unreached—spearhead for evangelism," was announced by Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board.

Washburn said that plans for the 1963-64 program will be featured during the Sunday School weeks at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies.

Dates for Sunday School leadership conferences at Glorieta are: June 17-July 3 and July 4-10.

Age Longs For Youth

S. L. Morgan, Sr.,
Wake Forest, N. C.

A cultured woman whom I've followed since she was a college girl, and is now burdened with the care of several old invalid sisters, has just written me a touching note on a postcard: "I do wish young people could feel for old people and had time for us!"

I give it as my settled opinion as a reputed specialist in the thinking and the problems of old people that no one sentence could be framed to express more poignantly the heart-hunger of a larger number of old people than this longing for the friendly notice of young people. Yes, just to be noticed. They are not exacting much "takes so little!" is the phrase I like to use.

I know by experience this heart-hunger of age for fellowship with youth. I heartily support "homes for the aged;" I've endowed a room in one, and a friend has endowed a room in my name. But I don't want to use it—ever, and live only with old people!

One of Fondlest Desires

For years one of my fondest desires has been to gain and hold the friendship of young people wherever I touch them. I've found nothing else so rewarding. On a preaching mission in Louisiana 18 years ago I went to see a teen-age girl, crippled with polio. I said, "I'd like to keep up with you."

I see a great woman in you; will you write me once or so a year and let me see you grow? The letters have come all the years. The family so appreciated the boost I'd given her that they drove out of their way taking her for a summer course in N. Y. to show me she can hobble right well on her crippled feet, holding a high job in the health department in Little Rock, Ark.

A year ago in Georgia several amiable teen-age church girls spent a half-hour delightfully with me at the parsonage. Several of them have later written me lovely letters. It goes without saying that, at nearly 91, such heart-warming gestures from youth meet one of the elemental needs of age, a need all the greater, it is easy to see because the nineties permit few contacts outside the home.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, the largest Southern Baptist school, was named winner of the annual Southwest Conference sportsmanship award.

Although religion and medicine are related in healing, one is not totally dependent upon the other.—Dr. Samuel Southard, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. "Shall I expect a Modern Miracle?" in February.

Names In The News

Mrs. A. L. Leake, missionary in the mountains of Arkansas, was guest speaker at East Moss Point Church, Moss Point, on Wednesday evening, February 27. Rev. Paul Leber is pastor.

Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, will return to his pulpit next Sunday, March 3, after an absence of about three months because of ill health. Friends of Dr. Landrum will rejoice in his recovery, and his being able to again take up some of his pastoral duties. Dr. J. S. Riser has served as interim supply during the pastor's leave of absence.

Central, McComb Selects New Music Minister

James A. Studstill was called as Minister of Music to Central Church, McComb, at the beginning of the year. Graduated from Mississippi College in January, 1963, he is now enrolled at New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Studstill is from Tampa, Fla. He is married to the former Marie Covington, Anchorage, Alaska. They have one son, Timothy James.

Mr. Studstill has served as Minister of Music in Georgia and Mississippi. Before going to Central Church, he was with the Forest Hill Church, Jackson.

Rev. Bob G. Lynch is pastor of Central Church.

Mrs. Carl Vinson is the new church secretary at First Church, Tupelo.

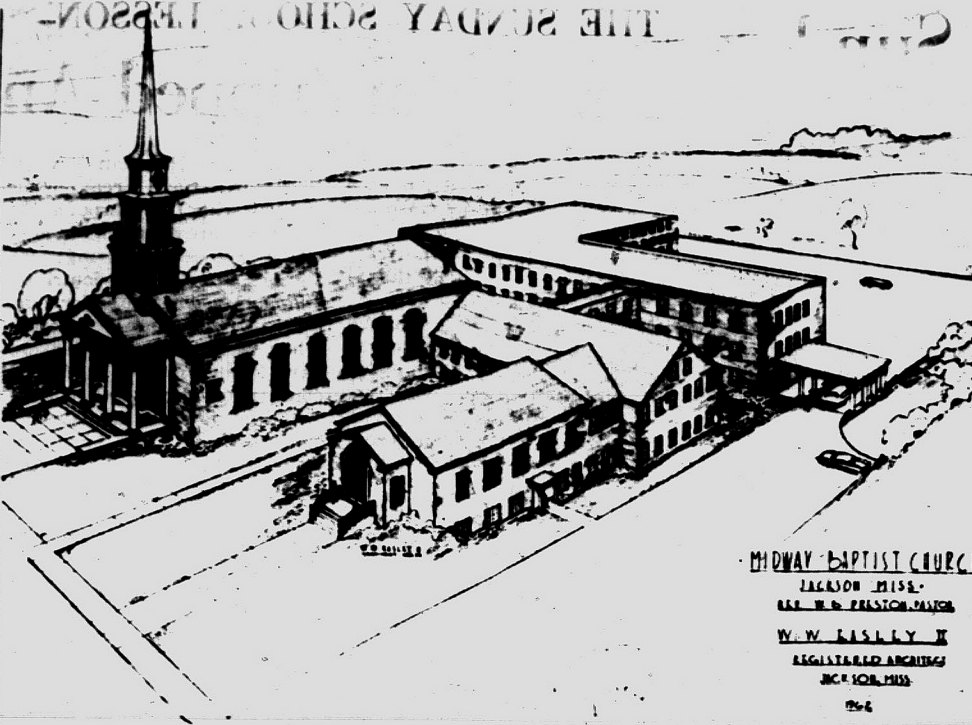
Billy Spruell of East Moss Point Church has been awarded a 20-year pin for Boy Scout work.

Reid Moore in January marked the 15th anniversary as music minister at First Church, Jackson. Dr. Douglas Hudgins, pastor.

Jack Stringer of East Moss Point Church was guest speaker for Orange Grove, Pascagoula's Sweetheart Banquet. Twenty-seven attended the banquet. Rev. Eddie Lott is the Orange Grove pastor.

Mrs. Leslie Q. Parker, church secretary, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, has written an article about their summer reading club in the second quarter, 1963 issue of "The Church Library Magazine," in her article, "Friendship 7." Mrs. Parker gives an account of their preparation, publicity, and the results of their efforts in promoting their reading club. The Church Library Magazine is published quarterly by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville.

Dr. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, was guest speaker for both services at Central Church, Yazoo City, on February 10, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Glen Schilling, who was ill.



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Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

Foreign Board Nears Advance Objectives

"It is evident that we are rapidly approaching the primary objectives of advance toward which we have been moving over a period of 15 years," Dr. Baker J. Cuthbert, executive secretary, said in his report to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its February meeting. "It is our expectation to be able to come to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1964, with 1,800 missionaries under appointment."

(The 1964 meeting of the Convention comes during the closing year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, a six-year program sponsored by seven Baptist groups in the United States and Canada in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the first nation-wide organization of Baptists in North America. That organization, known as the Triennial Convention, was established in May, 1814.)

The executive secretary announced that the Board's total income for 1962 was \$20,127,186. This is \$1,736,058 more than the 1961 income.

Convention Organized in Southern Rhodesia

The Baptist Convention of Central Africa was organized January 12-13 by representatives from all the Baptist churches in Southern Rhodesia. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, told the Board.

A constitution was adopted after full study and discussion, and the new convention elected the following officers: Pastor Abel Nkhrasanga, president; Pastor Noah Sibhole, treasurer; Missionary John R. Cheyne, general secretary; and Missionary Marvin L. Garrett, missionary adviser.

The constitution insures convention by African Baptists, but it contains provision for missionaries to serve as messengers of local congregations or to fill specific offices at the discretion of the convention, Dr. Goerner said.

"The present political situation in Southern Rhodesia lends added significance to the development of this convention," he said.

Dr. Goerner is scheduled to leave the States February 20 for a visit of about a month in Europe and West Africa to confer with missionaries and national Baptist leaders. He expects to return March 18.

In France, he will give special attention to needs of an English-language congregation in Paris, including the possible acquisition of property. In Liberia, he will discuss the future development of Ricks Institute, Baptist elementary and secondary school near Monrovia, and the extension of mission work in the country. In Ghana, he hopes to have top-level conferences with gov-

ernmental authorities concerning the future of Southern Nigeria, his conferences will deal with the continuing process of transfer of responsibilities from the Nigerian Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) to the Nigerian Baptist Convention and with the Mission's total strategy for the future. In Italy, he will discuss matters growing out of the recent assumption of full autonomy on the part of the Italian Baptist Union.

In Switzerland, he will discuss with the administration of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Rueschlikon-Zurich, matters to be brought before the board of trustees at its annual meeting later in March. And in Germany, he will meet with the executive committee of the Association of Baptists in Continental Europe (organization of English-language congregations in Germany, France, Spain, and Italy) to discuss plans for simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in September, 1963.

Indonesia Churches Baptize 600 in 1962

Dr. Winston Crowley, secretary for the Orient, told the Board the Indonesian is now the most populous country in which Southern Baptists have a regular program of mission work. "Census figures for Indonesia for 1962 show approximately 86,000,000 people," he said. "This means that the population of Indonesia has now passed that of Japan, ranking fifth among the world's nations." He then brought the picture of the 11-year-old Southern Baptist mission work in that country up to date.

The 12 Baptist churches and 20 chapels had more than 400 baptisms (one for every four church members) during 1962, bringing total membership to approximately 2,000 at the end of the year.

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LOOKING AT THE FUTURE

It seems that the constant weather has been cloudy, and another cold wave moving in. This is not the forecast for the Brotherhood activities for Baptist Men during 1963. Clear sailing is indicated for many interesting things such as:

Brotherhood Leadership Service Training Program, Covington Co., February 26, 28, March 1.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, Jones County, March 7.

Brotherhood Leadership Workshop, March 23, Lebanon Association.

Brotherhood Leadership Workshop, March 26, Lee Association.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, April 8, Lincoln Association.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, April 9, Simpson Association.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, April 11, Lawrence Association.

Man and Boy Rally, North Mississippi, Tupelo, April 18.

Man and Boy Rally, Central Mississippi, Yazoo City, April 18.

Man and Boy Rally, Southwest, Mississippi, Liberty Mississippi, April 18.

Man and Boy Rally, South, Mississippi, Laurel, Highland, April 19.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, Copiah County, April 22.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, Pike County, May 14.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, Pearl River, May 20.

Special Royal Ambassador Emphasis, Jackson County, May 23.

State Royal Ambassador Camps, June 10-August 3. (Kittiwake Baptist Assembly).

North Mississippi Royal Ambassador Camp, July 8-13, Sardis Lake, Mississippi.

Brotherhood Encampment, August 23, 24, 25, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

State Brotherhood Rally November 11, Jackson, Mississippi.

Royal Ambassador Leadership Workshop, (2 Areas), Montana, November 18-22.

Baptists Dominate Hospital Group

CINCINNATI (BP)—Robert Guy, administrator of Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, was installed as president of the American Protestant Hospital Association at the association's annual meeting here.

As president, Guy succeeds Herbert L. Dobbs, administrator of Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville. Both are Southern Baptist hospitals.

Hospital administrators, chaplains, and denominational leaders representing more than 500 Protestant hospitals throughout the country attending the meeting.

Several Southern Baptist hospital groups met while their staff were in Cincinnati for the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Raymond C. Wilson of New Orleans was named president-elect of the Baptist Hospital Association, made up of administrative staff members of Southern Baptist-related hospitals.

Wilson is administrator of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, one of two hospitals operated directly by the Southern Baptist Convention.

As president-elect, Wilson will step into the presidency in 1964. Homer D. Coggins, administrator, Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, Ky., is this year's president.

T. Sloane Guy Jr. of New Orleans was reelected secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Hospital Association. Guy is executive secretary of Southern Baptist hospitals, an agency of the SBC.

Georgian Named E. A. Verdery, chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, assumed presidency of the chaplains' section of the American Protestant Hospital Association.

Verdery is also head of the hospital's department of clinical pastoral education.

For 12 years, Verdery has been at Georgia Baptist Hospital. He is a past president of the southwide Baptist Hospital Chaplains Association.

Charles McKnight, chaplain,

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, became 1963 president of the southwide chaplains association. Harry McCartney, chaplain, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, was reelected secretary.

O. L. DeLozier, assistant chaplain, Georgia Baptist Hospital, was elected vice-president. Fred Bell, chaplain, mid-state Baptist Hospital, Nashville, was named president-elect. He will move into the president's chair next February.

Leon J. Lowe Dies In Jackson

Funeral services for Leon J. Lowe, associated with the state Game and Fish Commission in Jackson and former Laurel businessman, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 21, at Memory Chapel in Laurel. Dr. T. R. McKibbens, First Church, Laurel, officiated.

Mr. Lowe, who died after a ten-day illness at the Baptist Hospital Tuesday, February 19, made his home at 3330 Old Canton Road, Jackson. He was 66.

Mr. Lowe was a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. He was a brother of Mrs. W. Doss Smith, secretary in the Editorial Department of the Baptist Record.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Mrs. J. D. Wroten, Jr., two grandchildren, Carol and Jimmy, six sisters, and four brothers. Mr. Lowe's son-in-law, Dr. J. D. Wroten, Jr., is a professor at Millsaps College in Jackson.

Pleasant Hill Organizes Mission

On February 17, Pleasant Hill Church, Lowndes County, conducted the first services at a mission in Steens. There were 36 present for this first meeting.

Charles F. Ray is Sunday school superintendent at Pleasant Hill.

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Lowndes Central Training School

Lowndes Association recently participated in a Training Union Central School at First Baptist Church of Columbus. The high attendance for the week was 172 with 16 churches represented.

The following faculty members participated in the school: General Officers, Kermit King and James Harrell; Nursery Leadership, Mrs. Fran Pickett of Birmingham, Alabama; Beginner Leadership, Mary Royce Eckles; Primary Leadership, Evelyn George; Junior Leadership, Mrs. Clarence Cutrell; Intermediate Leadership, Mrs. D. C. Applegate; Young People's Leadership, Mrs. Burke Murphy; Adults, Mr. Bob Taylor. The following churches were in attendance at the meeting: Antioch, Artesia, Bethel, Border Springs, Calvary, East End, Fairview, First (Columbus), Friendship, Immanuel, Kola Springs, Mt. Vernon, Pleasant Hill, Plymouth Southside, Canaan.

Neshoba Central Training School

Neshoba Association registered 129 at a recent Training Union Central School at First Baptist Church of Philadelphia. A total of 15 churches were represented and an average attendance of 107 was maintained for the week.

The following served on the faculty: Dr. Charles Tidwell General Officers; Adults, Norman Rodgers; Young People, Rev. Howard Taylor; Intermediate Leadership, Mrs. Howard Taylor; Junior Leadership, Mrs. C. W. Thompson; Primary Leadership, Mr. Bill Hardy; Nursery-Beginner Leadership, Mr. Howard Lett; Juniors: Mary Lou Boswell, Mrs. Kermit Sharp; Intermediates, Miss Hazel Harrison, Mrs. Fred Allman.

These churches were represented: Antioch, Beacon Street, Bethesda, Coldwater, East Philadelphia Mission, East Philadelphia, First of Philadelphia, Good Hope Laurel Hill, Longino, Neshoba, North Calvary, Old Pearl Valley.

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RING THE BELL—The presiding officer called the colonial burgesses to order in historic Williamsburg, Va., by ringing a bell. When the executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions cooperating with Southern Baptists met there, they elected Noel M. Taylor of Carbondale, Ill., their new presiding officer. Taylor, left, is aided in the bell-ringing by Grady C. Cothen of Fresno, Calif., elected vice-president. Fred D. Hubbs, Detroit, the new secretary, watches. Each of the men is executive secretary of the state from which he comes. (BP) Photo

Louisville Students Say 'Thanks' to Southern Baptist Convention

LOUISVILLE (BP)—A student group at Southern Seminary here has said "Thank you" to the denomination for Cooperative Program support of the seminaries.

The 11-member student executive committee, in its resolution, said: "We are also grateful to Southern Baptist leaders who realized the need for an educated ministry and established this seminary 103 years ago."

"With a deep appreciation for their insight we are grateful for sacrificial gifts made then and being made now so we can receive the best available seminary training."

"Without a portion of Cooperative Program funds allocated this seminary, most of us could not continue our education for fulfilling ministries within churches, the mission fields, and the denomination," the student leaders proclaimed. The committee spoke for the full student body.

Cooperative Program funds going to the seminary are a type of tuition subsidy. They amount to approximately \$400

per student.

Southern Received \$570,000
Students pay matriculation and special instruction fees, the cost of books and their personal living expenses. In addition to tuition subsidies, Cooperative Program funds are also used for capital needs.

Southern Seminary received approximately \$570,000 from the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention for operating expenses last year.

The Student Executive Committee concluded their resolution with a further expression of "Thanks" and a "Pledge to be the kind of ministers who can best serve Christ and proclaim the Christian message in this generation."

Leston Courtney Called To Preach

Leston Courtney, member of Prospect Church, Perry County, on February 10 surrendered to the gospel ministry. He is a deacon, leader of Juniors in Sunday school and Training Union, associational director of Training Union, and a member of the associational Executive Committee.

Mr. Courtney is married to the former Helen (Skeet) Stevens. They have two children, Michael and Rose Lynn. Mrs. Stevens is church secretary, Michael, a Junior, often serves as church pianist.

Mr. Courtney preached his first sermon February 17 at the morning service at Prospect his home church. Rev. Clayton Mason is pastor at Prospect.

Gets New Coach

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Herman "Bubba" Scott, football coach at Haleyville (Ala.) High School for 14 years, took over as head coach at Howard College (Baptist) Birmingham, replacing Bobby Bowden, who resigned to take a job on the Florida State University football staff.

While at Haleyville, Scott's eleven plus together a 76-21-3 record. He was head coach there for 10 years.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 '68	
Belden	154
Blount	206
Bay Vista	189
Big Ridge	189
Emmanuel	240
First	536
Brandon, 1st	437
Brookhaven, 1st	814
Main	723
Halbert Heights Chapel	91
Capiton, Center Terrace	304
Carterville	111
Carthage, 1st	210
Center Grove (Oktoberfest)	82
Calhoun City, 1st	308
Cleveland	195
Calvary	225
Immanuel	227
Carriers, Union	237
Collins	190
Columbus, 1st	70
Crowder	183
Crystal Springs, 1st	213
Fellowship (Choctaw)	97
Fellowship (Pike)	55
Forest	337
Greenville, 1st	988
Main	845
Greenwood	62
Calvary	437
North	396
Grenada, Emmanuel	300
Gulfport	846
Grace Memorial	211
Northward Chapel	37
Gulf Gardens	778
Pass Road	180
Handsboro	352
Calhounburg	304
Central	354
First	546
Temple	527
University	128
38th Avenue	249
Indianola, 2nd	215
Jackson	948
Alta Woods	310
Robinson Street	310
Daniel Memorial	135
Bradford	113
Emmanuel	172
Elrath	206
Midway	449
West Jackson	149
Hillcrest	582
Ridgeway	778
Southside	1,649
Woodville Heights	300
Calvary	152
Calvary	157
Main	157
Mission	157
Forest Hill	191
Highland	355
Woodland Hills	720
Parkway	406
McDowell	206
Briarwood	225
McLaurin Heights	228
Lakeview Mission	115
Raymond Road	368
Crawford	169
Kosciusko, 1st	538
Main	182
Maple Mission	12
Kosciusko, Parkway	186
Laurel	465
Magnolia Street	403
2nd	376
West	374
Wildwood	374
Liberty	379
Long Beach	379
First	374
Mission	5
Laurel	520
Ludlow	99
McCombs	105
Hickory Grove Chapel	443
Calvary	406
Main	406
Fellow Survey Mission	37
Pine Springs Mission	10
State Boulevard	419
Westwood	106
Oakland Heights	102
Fellowship	102
South Side	427
Maple	312
Fulton Ave. Mission	26
Poplar Springs Drive	893
Highland	893
15th Avenue	893
McCombs	102
South	233
East	235
Central	158
Nashville	305
Natchez, 1st	110
Pascagoula	702
Orange Grove	12
Main School	12
Gulfport N. H.	398
Golden, 1st	109
Ripley	109
Riverside	332
Petal-Harvey	312
Mission	30
Petal, Crestview	138
Koneval	179
Star (Rankin)	136
West End (Winston)	63
Rosedale	114
Unity	308
Brady Mission	10
Pascagoula	402
Eastlawn	378
Wash. Ave. Mission	24
Bergerheim	10
Pecayune, 1st	654
Mission	23
Pleasant Home (Jones)	113
Pearl	267
Philadelphia, N. Calvary	104
Rawley Springs (Leb.)	136
Richard (Rankin)	23
Springfield (Scott)	128
Tutwiler	142
Union, 1st	315
Mission	46
Okolona, Carnation	94
Trinity	219
Tupelo	532
Calvary	176
West Jackson	165
East	123
Harrisburg	103
Terry	195
Kosciusko	82
Sardis (Copiah)	97

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON— Jesus Worshipped And Worked

Mark 9:2-50
By Clifton J. Allen
At this point in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is seen devoting himself primarily to the training of the disciples.



His open announcement of his forthcoming death had been a severe shock to them. He must have continued teaching the disciples with respect to his redemptive mission and, particularly, with respect to the necessity for his sacrificial suffering. In our larger lesson Mark tells of the transfiguration of Jesus (2:13), of the healing of the boy at the foot of the mountain (14:29), and of Jesus' teaching the disciples about true greatness and the danger in giving moral and spiritual offenses to other persons (30:50).

The Lesson Explained JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION (vv. 2-8)

A week after the great confession by Simon Peter, Jesus took Peter, James, and John and withdrew to a high mountain, probably Hermon, into a place of solitude. As we learn from Luke, Jesus was engaged in prayer. The three disciples failed utterly to appreciate the struggle going on in his soul. While they became drowsy and went to sleep (as Luke also tells us), Jesus was transfigured, his clothing as well as his being becoming resplendent with heavenly glory. It was not a brightness from without, but, for a moment, he was enveloped in the glory of his deity. Moses and Elijah appeared and joined with Jesus in conversation about his decease which he was soon to accomplish in Jerusalem. From the standpoint of Jesus, this must have been the major purpose of the transfiguration.

It was likely the brilliant glory of the scene that aroused the three disciples from their sleep. True to his nature, Peter felt that he must say something. He proposed that three tabernacles be built—one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah—that they might thus remain on the mount. As Peter spoke, a cloud overshadowed the group, and from the cloud there came a voice, the voice of the Father: "This is my beloved Son; hear him." When the cloud lifted, the heavenly visitors had disappeared. The disciples saw Jesus only, in his normal fashion, with themselves. The disciples had not been able to harmonize Jesus' previous announcement of his approaching death with their concept of the Messiah. Now they had had a vision which would confirm their faith and empower their witness.

TRUE GREATNESS (vv. 35-37)

As Jesus and the disciples returned to Capernaum, he gave them further instruction about his forthcoming death. But that awesome event did not restrain the selfish ambition of the disciples, so that they argued along the way about places of rank and honor (v. 34). How the heart of Jesus must have ached because of their selfishness! He called the twelve around him and declared that the one who wishes to be first, or to be greatest, must be the servant of others. He then chose a child for an object lesson and declared to the disciples a further truth about greatness in terms of humility. Jesus was impressing on the disciples that greatness is not self-exaltation. It is not honor and status from the world's standpoint. It is Christlikeness. And likeness to Christ is accepting the role of a servant and forgetting oneself by helping others.

CHRISTIAN TOLERANCE (38-41)

John remembered seeing a person casting out devils in Jesus' name, and he had tried to stop this person "because he followeth not us." John's intolerance was born of jealousy and pride. He had completely missed his Master's spirit. For this reason Jesus corrected him, saying that no one could perform a miracle in his name and really be against him. Jesus was rebuking the intolerance of his disciples. Christ does indeed want his followers to be identified with him. But the prejudice and jealousy that tries to restrict faith or service to one's own group or viewpoint violates both the spirit and the teaching of our Lord. We are rather to rejoice in every person who seeks to do good in the name of Christ and for the sake of Christ.

ship in the Christian sense—when we have real communion with God through his Spirit. We are caught up in adoration and thanksgiving; we humble ourselves in contrition and confession; we offer ourselves in love and obedience. When we worship like this, we have kindled in us a burden of concern to do the will of God. We want to work to help the sick, to comfort the lonely, to reach the lost, to defend the helpless, to share with the needy, or to help spread the good news of Christ throughout the world.

A sectarian spirit ill becomes a Christian. In all too many cases, this spirit has characterized individuals and churches. It has produced jealousy and strife, bitterness and persecution. There are noble Christians, serving others in the name of Christ with sacrificial devotion, who are not of our company—members of another church, another denom-

ination, another race, or another nation. If they acknowledge Christ as Lord and Saviour, let us rejoice in the work they do for the sake of Christ.

The glory of Christ confirmed his deity.—The transfiguration of Jesus gave to Peter, James, and John undeniable evidence—they were eyewitnesses of the Saviour's glory. We know therefore that we do not follow cunningly devised fables about the coming and power of the Lord Jesus Christ. His transfiguration declared him to be the fulfillment of both law and prophecy and declared him to be superior to both. We recognize in his lordship the authority for mankind and the hope for the world.

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in 1962 increased by 130,481, bringing the denomination's total to a record 1,985,000.



STAR LICENSES MINISTER

Jerry Glass was recently licensed as a minister of the gospel at Star Church. He preached his first sermon at the evening service.

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Glass and is a native of Star. He will graduate from the Florence High School in the spring of 1968. Following his graduation he plans to enter Mississippi College.

Jerry has worked in various positions in the church and at the present time he is assistant superintendent of the Young People's Department in Sunday school and serves as counselor for the Pioneer Group in the RA's. Rev. Vance H. Dyess is pastor of the Star Church.

Crooked Creek Pastor Moves On Field

James W. Cliburn, deacon, reports that on Thursday, February 14, the men of Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, helped their pastor, Rev. Robert Yates, with his moving from Simpson County to the Crooked Creek pastorage.

On Friday night, February 15, the church members gave the Yates (Rev. and Mrs. Yates and their two children, Bob, Jr. and Pat) a surprise visit and grocery pounding. Cake and coffee were served.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS ARE NAMED FOR SS WEEKS

NASHVILLE — Bible study leaders for five Sunday School Leadership conferences at Southern Baptist Summer assemblies have been announced by Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

At Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly, dates and Bible study leaders are:

June 27-July 3—Dr. Boyd Hunt, professor of theology, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. July 4-10—Dr. E. S. James, editor of "Baptist Standard," Baptist General Con-

vention of Texas, Dallas.

At Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assembly, dates and Bible study leaders are: July 18-24—Donald F. Ackland, associate editor in chief, Sunday School Board. July 25-31—V. Wayne Barton professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Seminary. Aug. 1-7—Books Ramsey, pastor First Baptist Church, Albany Ga.

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Anniversary Emphasis - Enlistment 15 Per Cent Increase In Members

Enlistment is basic to everything Woman's Missionary Union does. Members have a twofold enlistment responsibility: to enlist nonmembers in membership and to enlist members in regular attendance and participation in all activities of each organization. The anniversary goal embraces the first of the twofold responsibility — TO ENLIST NONMEMBERS IN MEMBERSHIP. The Anniversary Year goal is spelled out in a percentage so that leaders in every organization, Sunbeam Nursery through WMS, should set an overall goal of at least 15 percent increase. Then each unit organization should be given its goal so that leaders of all organizations and individual members in GA, YWA, and WMS may accept their enlistment responsibilities.

If we have a 15% increase in WMU during the anniversary year principles of enlistment and enlargement must unite all WMU organizations in an intensive enlistment effort. If the prospects of all our WMU organizations are reached EACH church must develop an enlistment program adequate to reach its possibilities and structure an organization to meet its needs. Chapter 8 "Enlistment for Missions" in WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MANUAL, sets forth a pattern and program of enlistment for all organizations.

What does a 15-per cent increase mean in people in our state? It would mean 750 new YWA members; 5,000 new WMS members; 2,500 new GA members and 2,500 new Sunbeam Band members. What would a 15 per cent increase in members in the organization in YOUR church mean? Locate these through a survey. Spot and enlist the ready prospects. Such an enlistment of members in many churches would mean the enlargement of the organization and the training of leadership.

WMU organizations need the contribution which can be made by new members. But even a greater incentive for enlistment comes from recognition of what the organization can mean to members. Women and young people need a worldwide vision of present missionary opportunities. They need to experience partnership with God in the redemption of mankind. They need to share their resources: spiritual, intellectual, and material. The urgency of the task compels us to ENLIST.



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FREEDOM BOUND—For more than a half century children of Liberia have been listening to the story of Jesus—as told by the one they know as “Mother George.” Even at the age of 83, Mrs. Eliza Davis George continues walking from village to village in the jungles of the small African republic to share her Christ. The moving story of this Texas native’s “Texas-size” love for the Liberian people is an episode in “The Answer” series produced by Southern Baptists’ Radio and Television Commission. It will be telecast in Mississippi over the following stations: Jackson, WLBT-TV, 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Meridian, WTOP-TV, 12:30 p.m. Sunday. Check your local newspaper for possible time changes.

EAST AFRICAN BAPTISTS PLAN SPRING REVIVALS

Two Nigerians will be guest preachers for a Baptist evangelistic crusade in East Africa during April and May. They are Rev. J. A. Ajani, senior field worker for the Nigerian Baptist Convention, and Rev. Paul O. Ebbomeli, Nigerian Baptist home missionary.

Other preachers for the crusade will be East Africans and Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Nigerians will spend their first week in East Africa speaking at the annual assembly for Baptist leaders, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya. Then one will participate in simultaneous or combined revivals in Kenya and the other in Tanganyika, staying at each center of Baptist work within the countries about a week.

Missionary Davis L. Saunders will be interpreter and travel companion for the guest in Kenya, and Missionary Carlos R. Owens will do the same in Tanganyika.

Mr. Ebbomeli recently spent several years in the United States studying at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. He returned to Nigeria in 1962.

Femininity is an altruistic quality. It is the ability to give love—genuine concern for others and their interests. This is not only true in the home but in other careers as well.—Mrs. Earl Waldrup, homemaker, Nashville. “On the Vocation of Being a Woman” in February BAPTIST STUDENT.

Trinity Honors Pastor and Wife

Appreciation Day for the pastor, Rev. Overl Oglesbee, and Mrs. Oglesbee, was held Sunday, Feb. 17, at Trinity Church, Biloxi, on their third anniversary at the church.

At the morning service of worship, R. G. Rogers, deacon, paid a tribute to Mrs. Oglesbee and expressed the congregation’s appreciation for what she has meant to the members.

Ottis Crenshaw, chairman of deacons, presented the minister and his wife with a gift certificate from the members of the church and announced plans for a reception in their honor during the afternoon.

During the afternoon an open house was held in the educational building where many friends of the pastor and his family called and offered their best wishes.

Mrs. Oglesbee was presented with a green cymbidium orchid.

A yellow and white floral centerpiece was used.

Church’s ‘Leaning Tower’ Shored Up

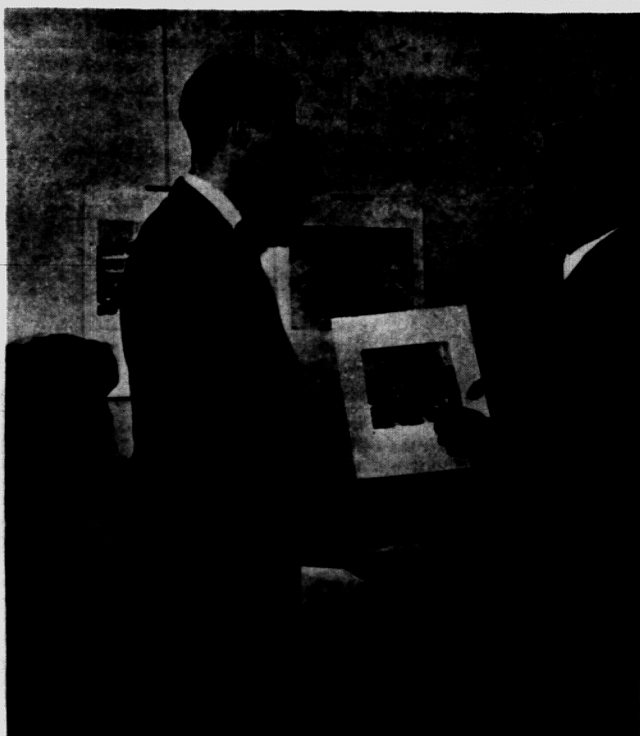
BUDAPEST (RNS)—A Hungarian church’s “leaning tower” will lean no more—the government stepped in and ordered repairs guaranteed to keep it erect.

At Salvi, an agricultural town in East Hungary, the Reformed church’s tower, 120 feet high and close to the building, had become a matter of concern; a check showed that it had deviated more than three feet from the perpendicular.

In some respects, the “lean” may have been the result of bombardment during World War II.

In 1944, Salvi’s Reformed church was rocked by heavy guns in fighting between retreating German troops and Russian forces. The church, and the adjacent tower, were hard-hit. The church was beyond repair and members of the congregation rebuilt it after the war. The 150-year-old tower, in time, began to lean.

When local authorities ruled it a public menace, members of the congregation shored it up with huge slabs of concrete below and above ground.



WILLIS ARCHER (center), first-year medical student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, learns of conditions in Nigeria from Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, missionaries to that country. They were participants in a medical missions conference held at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters, Richmond, Va., February 1-2.

Church Recreation Conferences Announced For Assemblies

NASHVILLE—“Church recreation, your world and you” will be the theme of the 1963 church recreation leadership conferences at Southern Baptist Summer Assemblies.

The conference at Glorieta is set for Aug. 8-14. Dates at Ridgecrest are Aug. 22-28.

Bob M. Boyd, secretary of the church recreation department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will direct both conferences.

A period of meditation will be led each day at both assemblies by Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant of Nashville, former secretary of the Church Recreation Department.

Workshop sessions known as “Skill Mills” will feature practical approaches and “Know-how” techniques in crafts, music in recreation, parties, banquets, fellowships, storytelling, retreats, drama and recreation for senior adults. A special seminar for recreators and one for youth directors will be held at both assemblies.

How Is Your Appetite?

By Rev. Norman S. Deaton, Pastor, Lowrey Mem., Blue Mtn.

Jesus said, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.” (Mt. 5:6) His implication is that the zealous Christian should have an unquenchable thirst for spiritual things, for personal fellowship with God, and for a transformed quality of living.

Consider some of the remarkable statements which Biblical writers made about the crucial importance of spiritual appetite.

The Psalmist wrote, “As the deer panteth after the waterbrooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?” (Ps. 42:1-2) He yearned to taste the reality and nearness of God’s presence. Paul’s heart-beat was “... that I may know Him.” His driving purpose was that the Christ Who had arrested him on the Damascus Road might have fuller control of him, and ever more intimate fellowship with him.

God’s spokesmen often emphasized a yearning for God’s word. Job said, “... I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.” (Job 23:12) (A dedicated classmate of mine helped cultivate Job’s attitude with a sign on his dresser, “No Bible, no breakfast!”) Jeremiah wrote, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by Thy Name, O Lord God of Hosts.” (Jer. 15:16) The Lord Jesus declared, “... man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” (Mat. 4:4) And Peter urged his babes in Christ, “As newborn babes, hunger after the pure milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” (1 Pet. 2:2)

Why is the importance of a healthy spiritual appetite so repeatedly emphasized? As a wise man of God once observed, “The measure of a man’s thirst is ever the measure of his drinking at the Fountain.” He who hungers and thirsts after spiritual food and after godliness will draw aside from lesser things that this greater thirst may be met at the Fountain of Living Waters.

When a child loses all appetite for days, his parents become seriously concerned, fearing some illness. Is it not a cause for concern if God’s children have no spiritual appetite? What if they have no love for prayer, no hunger for the Bible, no yearning for Christ’s fellowship and for a more godly life? Does it not indicate some spiritual malady at work? Christ diagnoses one cause of such a condition: “... the worries of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.” (Mk. 4:19) Christians often become so tragically involved in “giving first-rate loyalties to second-rate causes” and coveting this world’s goods and approval that their jaded palates only desire fleshly things, and the spiritual life is choked. The cure for this dangerous condition is radical surgery, cutting out the offending cancer of lust and covetousness and selfishness by a renunciation of self-will and a total surrender to the Lordship of Christ.

A kindred cause of such appetite loss is spiritual malnutrition. Those who have worked with war orphans and others in starvation-torn areas report that when a person has had no nutrition for days, a point is reached where the stomach shrinks, hunger pangs cease, and all appetite disappears. From this level of emaciation, death by starvation is only a short distance away. Yet the person’s loss of feeling no longer makes him conscious of it. Might it not be that many Christians are so spiritually starved by neglect of God’s word and prayer that they no longer have any spiritual appetite, and don’t even miss it? Their appetites may be renewed and their capacity for intake increased by a careful diet of “the pure milk of the word.” “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

Freak Explosion Kills 3 Baptist Teen-Ager Boys

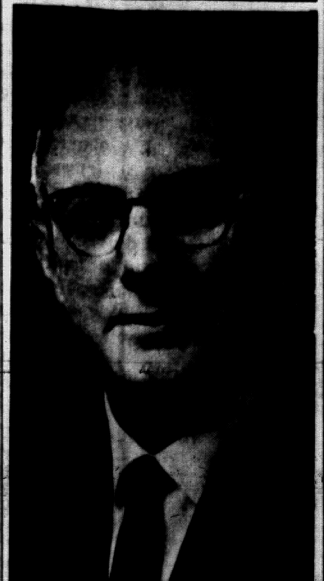
DALLAS (BP)—Two shocked Sunday School teachers at Baptist churches here removed the names of three teenage boys from their class rolls after a Sunday afternoon tragedy.

The three 16-year-old boys were killed in an explosion which demolished their automobile and badly injured two other companions.

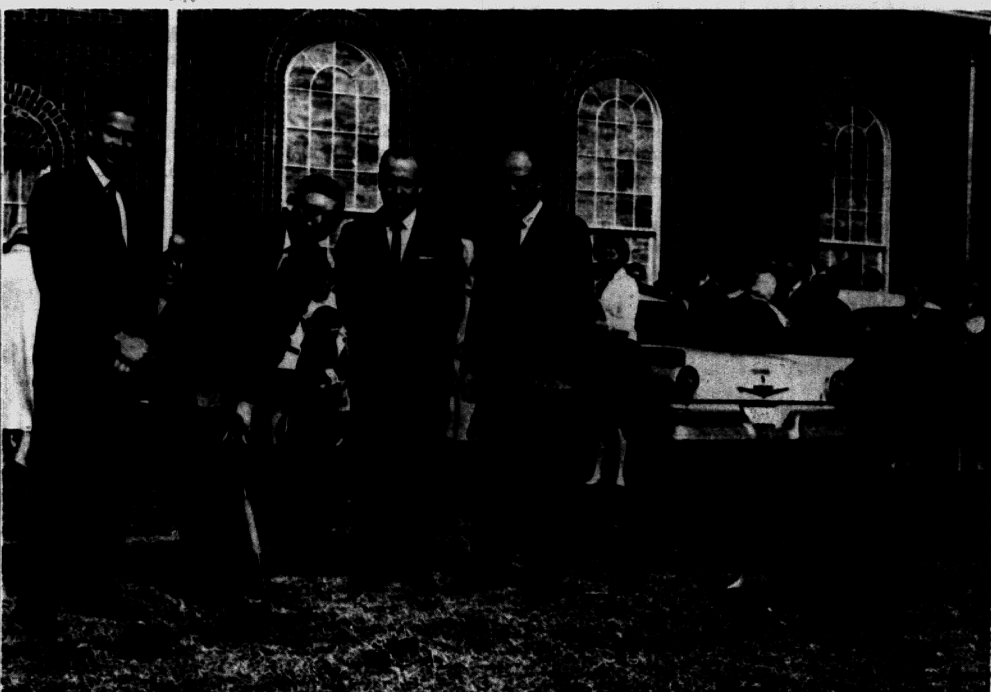
The boys, all of them Baptists, had earlier attended church that Sunday morning. Four of them were in the same Sunday School class at Royal Lane Baptist Church, the other was a member of Park Cities Baptist Church.

“It’s a tragedy,” John D. Clark, the boys’ teacher at Royal Lane Baptist Church, told the Baptist Standard. “This church has felt it from the roots up.”

Clark said he had taught the four boys in Sunday School at Royal Lane Baptist Church for three years, and that they had good attendance records.



SOUTHEASTERN’S BRINKLEY—Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary have elected Olin T. Brinkley, dean of faculty at the Wake Forest, N.C., school the new president. He will succeed Sydney L. Stanley, who retired July 31. (AP Photo)



AT FIRST, CARRIERE’S GROUNDBREAKING—Left to right: Kyle Terrell, chairman of Building Committee; A. R. Sumrall, chairman of deacons; Rev. James E. Leonard, pastor; Dr. Frank Stagg, Professor of New Testament, New Orleans Seminary. Shown in the background are some of those attending the service.

First, Carriere, Breaks Ground To Build Annex

Groundbreaking services were held recently at First Church, Carriere, for a new educational plant. Special speaker for the service was Dr. Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament at New Orleans Seminary who brought the morning message.

The groundbreaking service climaxed successful financial campaign during which over \$25,000 in bonds were purchased by the membership and their friends to finance the new building. The bond campaign was under direction of Dr. Ralph Kyle of Economy Plan Bond Co., of Atlanta, Ga.

The new building is slated for completion in May or early June and will double the present educational building facilities. It will house a pas-

tor’s study, church office, primary departments, beginner departments, two nurseries, three rest rooms, kitchen, and large dining room and young people’s department. The building will be centrally heated and have provisions for future air conditioning.

It will be of brick construction with covered walkways extending the length of the entire building. There will be a circular drive and two rock gardens. The plans were drawn

by the Architecture Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Overseeing the building will be Oliver Lenoir, contractor of Picayune. The building committee is composed of Kyle Terrell, chairman; Melton Smith, Mrs. Monroe Smith, Mrs. Herman Weinmann and the pastor, Rev. James E. Leonard.

Central Honors Bentonians Seniors

Central Church, Yazoo County, honored the Senior Class of Benton High School with a banquet in the Fellowship Hall of the church on February 15. The welcome was given by the pastor, Rev. Glen Schilling, with a response from the class president, Mary Ellen Patterson.

Tip Tipton, Music Director of Central, a Junior at Mississippi College, rendered special music, which included a song he had written.

Rev. Schilling was the featured speaker.

Glade Calls Music Minister

Rev. J. C. Hamilton, pastor of Glade Church, Jones County, announces that Daryl Evans has accepted the church’s call as minister of music.

Daryl, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gill, Laurel, is a senior at Mississippi College, and will continue his studies there until graduation time.

Last summer he served as minister of music and youth director at West Laurel Church, Laurel.

Evans has already begun work leading the choir in a cantata to be presented at the evening service on Easter Sunday. The cantata is “No Greater Love,” by John W. Peterson.



WORSHIPERS AT A Hong Kong temple on Chinese New Year’s Day.

THE YEAR OF THE HARE

By Hobson L. Sinclair
Missionary to Hong Kong

On the Chinese New Year’s Day—entering the year of the hare—I drove to one of the most famous temples in Hong Kong amid a continuous roar of firecrackers. I was “armed” with my camera, and soon I was rewarded by hundreds of subjects for pictures. First I came to a long table loaded with food brought as feast for the gods. Then I passed many booths selling boxes of sticks.

Each of these sticks has a fortune written on it, and the idea is to shake the box until a stick falls out. The worshiper hopes in this way to discover what the new year holds for him. Actually it is not this simple, for the boxes are shaken many times. Then the results are tabulated and taken to a holy man for interpretation.

I was busy “snapping” away, recording these interesting sights, when the thought occurred to me: “These people are not putting on a show for me; they are earnestly seeking to know what lies ahead, seeking the will of a god for their lives.”

Thought saddened me, and as I continued to look about my heart was

more heavy. There was a young girl, perhaps seeking to know if the new year will give her a husband. There was a married woman, perhaps wondering if she will be blessed with a child this year. I saw an old woman earnestly shaking the sticks. Perhaps this year holds death for her—death without Christ.

These people know there is more to life than the physical. They desperately search for it, but all the while they are turning away from the God who is searching for them.

The number of Christians in Hong Kong increases each year, but the high birth rate and the constant influx of refugees swell the population so much more than percentage-wise Christianity loses ground every year. Prey with us that the year of the hare may be a year for the Lord in Hong Kong.

Revival Dates

Pleasant Valley (Simpson): March 10-17; services at regular time on Sundays; weekday services nightly at 7:30; Rev. V. R. Crider, pastor and evangelist; Lavel Chalk, church music director, in charge of the music, assisted by his wife, Mrs. Lavel Chalk.

Big Ridge, Biloxi: March 3-10; Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor Whitesand Church, Prentiss, evangelist; Grant Shipp, music director; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

Gallie Baptist Church, Gloster, Mississippi: March 17-22. M. Glenn Smith, pastor evangelist. Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor Brookwood Baptist Church, Prichard, Alabama, will be in charge of the music.

Thorhill Church, Rankin County, Week-End Revival Services: March 15-17. Services at 7:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday, and regular hours on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Homer McDonald, will do the preaching.

First Church, Beaumont: March 10-15, 1963. Rev. “Step” Martin from Jackson will preach and Rev. Billy Crosby of Laurel will lead the singing. The Sunday services will be at 11:00 and 7:00 p.m. Week-day services will be 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The pastor is Rev. R. R. Reed.

Griffith Memorial, Jackson: March 3-10; Rev. Gerald Riddell, missionary to Chile, South America, evangelist; Dr. Kermit Canterbury, pastor.

First Church, Inverness: March 3-8; services 7:30 P.M.; Rev. D. C. Applegate, pastor First Church, Starkville, evangelist; Paul Dean, of Natchitoches, La., song leader; Dr. John Cobb, pastor.

Bunker Hill (Marion): March 3-8; services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, state Baptist Executive Secretary, evangelist; Rev. Carlton Burnett, pastor; Jerry Evans, song leader. On March 10 Baptist Men’s Day will be observed with Dr. Russell Bush, Columbia, president of Mississippi Baptist Convention.